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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 24-35 are again presented for consideration.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 24 and 25 are allowable if written in proper form.

It is further noted that claims 29, 33 and 35 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowed if written in proper form and to include the limitations of base claim 26.

All claims stand rejected under 35 USC 112 as indefinite.

Claim 24 has been amended as suggested, and it is thought that claim 24, along with dependent claim 25, are now allowable.

Claims 26, 29, 33, 34 and 35 have been carefully amended and are now believed to be in proper form.

Claim 26, along with dependent claims 30, 32, stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by the newly cited reference to Lang '035.

The rejection states that the reference is to a mirror assembly including holding element 12, a mirror carrier plate 88, framing 24 with a configured area 26 engaging holding element 12, bracket 78, 80 including an upper and lower strip and a configured area, connectors 82 engaged with positioning apparatus 36, 62.

This rejection is respectfully traversed as the reference fails to teach the claimed structure.

As required by 37 CFR 1.111(b), claim limitations will now be pointed to which are not taught by Lang '035 and which are believed to patentably distinguish claim 26

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over the reference of the rejection.

Claim 26 is directed to a mirror assembly including positioning apparatus 36, framing 4 and bracket 12. The claim calls for the framing to have a configured area engaged with the holding element. Also, the claim calls for a bracket having an upper strip, a lower strip and a configured area which is adjacent the upper and lower strips and is engaged with the holding element.

The Lang reference does not disclose this structure. The referenced framing of the rejection is disclosed as a front member for a housing. The referenced configured area is disclosed as a top surface with no reference being made to a configured area. Nothing relative to housing 24 or top surface 26 is disclosed as engaged with the holding element. The reference does not disclose a framing with upper and lower strips adjacent a configured area.

The claim calls for connectors securing the framing and the bracket against the holding element and securing the positioning apparatus with the upper and lower strips of the bracket.

The reference does not secure the bracket or housing 24 against the holding element. The reference does not disclose upper and lower strips to which the position apparatus is secured.

For these reasons, it is thought that claim 26 clearly defines over the reference Lang.

Claims 27-35 all depend from claim 26 and are, therefore, also thought to be allowable.

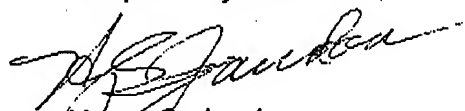
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Claims 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Lang '035 in view of Shulz. As claims 27 and 28 depend from claim 26, discussion of this rejection is not thought to be necessary.

Claim 34 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Lang '035 in view of Bos et al and Perry. Again, as claim 34 depends from claim 26, discussion of this rejection is not thought to be necessary.

An earnest effort has been made to remove the objectionable subject matter and to amend the claims to clearly define over the prior art of record. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the examiner find the claims, as now presented, to be allowable and pass the case to issue in the due course of PTO business.

Respectfully submitted,



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